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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: MONOPOLIES AND MERGERS COMMISSION
TO INVESTIGATE THE SUPPLY OF CREDIT CARD
FRANCHISE SERVICES

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OECD RECOMMENDATION ON NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED ACTION AGAINST RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES, OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING (OFT) INFORMED EMBASSY JULY 27 THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAIR TRADING ASKED THE MONOPOLIES AND MERGERS COMMISSION ON JUNE 23 TO INVESTIGATE THE SUPPLY OF CREDIT CARD FRANCHISE SERVICES. THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN ASKED TO REPORT WITHIN 18 MONTHS.

2. THREE U.S. COMPANIES MAY BE INVOLVED IN THE INQUIRY: AMERICAN EXPRESS, WHICH IS INCORPORATED IN THE U.S.; DINERS CLUB, INC., WHICH OWNS A MAJORITY SHAREHOLDING IN DINERS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN; AND CARTE BLANCHE.

3. A COPY OF THE LETTER AND ENCLOSURES BEING POUCHED.

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